

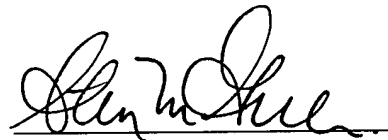
REMARKS

Further responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2002, Applicants herewith submit for consideration new dependent claim 10. Applicants have added claim 10 to provide more varied protection for the present invention.

In view of the Amendment filed, January 2, 2003, and the present Supplemental Amendment, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven M. Gruskin
Registration No. 36,818

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE



23373

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: January 10, 2003

Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No. 09/977,996

Attorney Docket No.: Q66764

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 10 is added as a new claim.